

Pappas Telecasting
Companies'
'donation' of
\$325,000 in airtime
to Republican
candidates in
certain areas is a
flagrant abuse of
this powerful media
group's privileged
access to the public
airwaves.

Since the public
airwaves are used
free of charge, it
is definitely
unethical for Pappas
to provide time to
one side in an
election and not to
others. Local
audiences should be
offered genuine
debate, and stations
should not air
partisan views and
then attempt to
extort funds from
opposing factions to
air their responses.

Pappas uses the
public airwaves free
of charge and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. I urge
you to work to
strengthen media
ownership rules, and
not allow such
willful abuse. Will
you please carefully
examine the Pappas
Group's renewal
application, and
once done, award the
invaluable airtime
to a less partisan
broadcasting
company. Thank you.